

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 309

By McCormick

A RESOLUTION designating April 20, 2007, as "Bullocks Brothers Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are charged from time to time to recognize those eminent individuals, whose deeds and accomplishments have served as a source of great pride to the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, such exemplary individuals are Daniel and Josh Bullocks of Chattanooga, whose legendary high school football careers at Hixson High School have now led to continued success as professional football players with the Detroit Lions and the New Orleans Saints respectively; and

WHEREAS, having reached the pinnacle of football, the National Football League, the Bullocks twins have most admirably reached out to aid their alma mater, Hixson High School, by providing financial assistance for capital projects for the school campus; and

WHEREAS, providing for Hixson High School students, Daniel and Josh Bullocks have donated funding to establish scholarships for Hixson graduates to further their education; and

WHEREAS, during their days at Hixson High, the Bullocks twins backfield led the Wildcats to four straight Class 4A playoff appearances with quarterback Daniel handing off to running back Josh; and

WHEREAS, as a senior, Daniel Bullocks was named Class 4A Mr. Football in Tennessee and a member of the Class 4A All-State First Team, in addition to joining brother Josh on the Associated Press Tennessee All-Star Team and in the Tennessee vs. Kentucky All-Star game, where Daniel won Most Valuable Player honors; and

WHEREAS, receiving football scholarship offers from a host of colleges and universities, Daniel and Josh Bullocks continued their education and football careers together at the

University of Nebraska, quickly becoming fixtures in the Cornhuskers defensive secondary, starting side by side; and

WHEREAS, red-shirted as a true freshman in 2001, Josh Bullocks earned All-American honors from The Sporting News and was a semi-finalist for the 2003 Jim Thorpe Award, given to the nation's top defensive back. At Nebraska, he set school and Big 12 Conference season records with ten interceptions and 154 yards in returns; and

WHEREAS, drafted by the New Orleans Saints in the second round of the 2005 NFL Draft, Josh Bullocks broke into the starting lineup during his rookie season, displaying the terrific speed and great instincts that saw him tally seventy tackles (fifty-one solo) as a free safety; and

WHEREAS, as a senior at Nebraska in 2005, Daniel Bullocks was the veteran leader of an aggressive defensive unit that led the nation in quarterback sacks (forty-six) and tackles for loss (115) and finished his career with the Huskers ranked second amongst the school's all-time defensive backs with 226 tackles; and

WHEREAS, now a starter at the safety position for the Detroit Lions, Daniel Bullocks was drafted in the second round of the 2006 NFL Draft and led all NFC rookie defensive backs with seventy tackles this past season as he quickly displayed the Bullocks brothers brand of defensive intensity; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Bullocks and Josh Bullocks have contributed to the youth of Tennessee and this country as positive role models, thereby encouraging students to set goals in education and in sports; and

WHEREAS, Daniel and Josh Bullocks are truly exemplary ambassadors for their alma mater, Hixson High School, and esteemed and honorable gentlemen both on and off the gridiron, and should be properly recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate April 20, 2007 as "Bullocks Brothers Day" in Tennessee as we honor and commend Daniel and Josh Bullocks for their dedication to the community, both by providing financial assistance and for standing as outstanding role models for young people across Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.